

we do recognize his untiring and diligent efforts and accomplishments over the years in lawmaking and we want to thank him for helping to continue the excellence of public service which exists in Nebraska. Please help me in adopting this substitute motion so that we can in fact honor Senator, former Senator Walter George and not do dishonor to ourselves in the process. We do wish former Senator Walter George health and happiness in his future endeavors and this would be an appropriate way in which to do so. The bill drafting office has supplied this wording which seems to me to be well chosen and most appropriate. I urge your adoption of this substitute motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich, then Senator Koch after Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, needless to say I am going to oppose the amendment to the resolution. This is not a slap in anybody's face. It is not exactly as though we were plowing new ground here. We have done this before. It would be a slap in Walter George's face if we didn't do it for him at least. Shirley Marsh says it is all right for the university people to decide who ought to be getting honorary degrees and who shouldn't. It is all right for them to do it but, good god, don't let us do it. I would suggest, for example, that Senator George is in Europe right now promoting the sale of agricultural products. If a tool, for example, like this would help him in any way, shape or form, then let's give it to him. Think of the customs of Europe. An honorary degree in Europe is far, far more meaningful than it is here in the United States. If we can give Walt something like this to hang on his wall in Europe where in according to the customs of Europe it has a little significance, it gives him a little bit of a shroud of assistance in any way, shape or form, then, for pete's sake, let's give him any kind of a tool we can, any kind of help we can to help him be received in Europe and be received and his office be received in Europe. For pete's sake, let's give him the tools with which to do the job we sent him over there for which is the promotion of the sale of agricultural products and there is nothing more important to the State of Nebraska. And I remind you, he will be back here in Omaha or in Nebraska, rather, March the 12th and I was hoping we could hand it to him at that time. I would strongly resist the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, acting on behalf of the absence of Senator George, I move the previous question.